Grace Presbyterian Church

7434 Bath Street

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Online Worship for March 29, 2020

(Convened Worship has been Suspended)

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Greeting

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship (Unison)

One Voice: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God’s mercy.

Many Voices: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One Voice: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

Many Voices: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

One Voice: Hear God’s hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Many Voices: Sing praise to God and rejoice in God’s love.

Hymn #250 *Hymn of Promise*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;

In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;

There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;

In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Confession

Gracious Creator, we seek your blessing, knowing that we have not earned it. In our faults, we seek your pardon. In our sins, we seek your forgiveness. In our weakness, we seek your strength. In our sorrow, we seek your consolation. In our trials, we seek your justice. In our pain, we seek your peace. Hear our prayers, O God, and make our hearts new. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: “Dear Child of God, in our world, it is often hard to remember that God loves you just as you are. God loves you not because you are good. God loves you, period. God loves us not because we are loveable. No, we are loveable precisely because God loves us.”

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

 (The Assurance is a quote from Bishop Desmond Tutu in *God Has*

 *a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*, Doubleday, 2004.)

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Lesson Psalm 130

Virtual Anthem *We Are Not Alone* Pepper Choplin

 (This piece was performed by the Oasis Chorale, www.oasischorale.org,

 in July 2019. The video is used by permission.)

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:28-31

Sermon: *De Profundis* Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Hymn #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace. (Repeat)

Offering:

 (A Word about ways to support Grace’s ministry)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

 (Please submit your joys and concerns online.)

Parting Hymn #791 *For You, My God, I Wait*

For you, my God, I wait with hope born of the Word.

Like sleepless ones who long to dream, I wait and call my Lord.

Lord, hear my pleading voice, and let me know you hear!

As sleepless ones feel rest approach, I know my god is near.

If you should list my faults, the sins of heart and hand,

Like sleepless ones who groan at dawn, I know I could not stand!

For, even from the deep, I know you hear my cries.

Like sleepless ones who dream at last, I ease my weary eyes.

And once my soul is still, in you I find my rest,

At peace as though a child upon a gentle mother’s breast.

O God, you are my hope; I know that you forgive.

Your love redeems me from the depths so I may rise and live.

Benediction

Response 541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.